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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINS MILI VS

SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP MAY 28

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL NHA TRANG DATED MAY 28 TH
IS REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR ACTION:

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SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP, MAY 28

1. SECURITY SITUATION: THOUGH REGIONAL RVNAF FORCES DECLARED
100 PERCENT ALERT IN PREPARATION FOR RERUN OF COMMUNIST
ONSLAUGHT CIRCA JANUARY 28, MR 2 WAS GENERALLY VERY PEACEFUL
DURING REPORTING PERIOD. GVN CLARIONS WERE DOUNDED ON AFTERNOON
MAY 25 BY MR 2 COMMANDER, MAJ. GEN. TOAN, ACCORDING TO ONE
REPORT BECAUSE SAIGON LEADERSHIP INTERPRETED AMBASSADOR
SULLIVAN'S VISIT IN SEARCH OF MORE VIABLE CEASE- FIRE AS
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PRECURSOR OF ANOTHER COMMUNIST LAND GRAB. IN FACT, A LAND-MARK LOW OF ONLY 20 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED OVER PAST 72 HOUR PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED: 11 VC HARASSMENTS BY FIRE, FIVE VC MININGS OF RVNAF FORCES; TWO FIRE FIGHTS BETWEEN RVNAF UNITS ON PATROL AND VC, AND VC ATTACK ON RVNAF OUTPOST, AND ONE SUCCESSFUL RVNAF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION. TEN ACTIONS OCCURRED IN NORTHERN BINH DINH, SIX IN KONTUM, AND TWO EACH IN KHANH HOA AND BINH THUAN. CASUALTY AGGREGATES: VC: FIVE KIA; RVNAF: FOUR KIA, 15 WIA. (THAT ALL BUT ONE OF 17 VC- INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE MININGS AND STAND OFF FIRE ATTACKS EXPLAINS CASUALTY IMBALANCE ADVERSE TO GVN.)

2. FORMER ATTITUDE OF NHA TRANG TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER OF IGNORING ACTION IN CONTESTED DAK ROCOT AREA NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY ON DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED. FIVE INCIDENTS (THREE VC ATTACKS BY FIRE, ONE FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN RVNAF UNIT ON PATROL AND VC, AND ONE VC MINING) WERE REPORTED IN ZONE SURROUNDING DAK ROCOT OVER LAST THREE DAYS. APPROX 150 HIGH CALIBER ROUNDS IMPACTED IN AND AROUND FRIENDLY POSITIONS THERE CAUSING EIGHT RVNAF WIA'S AND DESTROYING TWO MILITARY TRUCKS. STATUS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ARVN ATTACK OF VC/ NVA POSITIONS NEAR DAK ROCOT (SEE NHA TRANG 537 AND 554) STILL UNCLEAR.

3. POW'S RELEASED: PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE PLEIKU REPORTS THAT ON MAY 27, ENEMY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE RELEASED IN THANH AN DISTRICT FOUR POW'S INCLUDING A 1ST LT. OF 239 RF BATTALION, 2ND LT. OF 22ND RANGERS, 1 RANGER PFC. AND 1 PFC FROM 11TH AIRBORNE BATTALION. FORMER POW'S NOW UNDER INTERROGATION BY SECTOR AND CORPS. SECTOR HAS INFO ENEMY STILL HOLD MORE THAN 300 POW'S VICINITY DUC CO.

4. ATTACKS EXPECTED: PLEIKU SECTOR S-2 ON BASIS AGENT REPORT AND OTHER SOURCES, BELIEVES ENEMY IS DEPLOYING TROOPS AND PROCURING SUPPLIES FOR AN ATTACK ON THANH AN DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS. S-2 CITES FOLLOWING INFO AS BASIS THEIR ESTIMATE: (A) MORE THAN 200 LABORERS WERE USED BETWEEN MAY 19 AND 23 TO TRANSPORT LARGE QUANTITY SUPPLIES, FOOD AND AMMUNITION, INCLUDING 122 MM, 130 MM ROCKETS AND 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS FROM VICINITY COORDINATES YA 850344 NORTH TO ZA 035370 AND SOUTH TO ZA 011224. (B) TWO REINFORCED NVA BATTALIONS
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WITH TANKS, ARTILLERY AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED IN AREA NORTH OF THANH GIAO - PLEI YIT, COORDINATES AS ABOVE. (C) TWO NVA BATTALIONS WITH ARTILLERY SUPPORT ALSO POSITIONED SOUTH OF ROAD NEAR COORDINATES ZA 011224. (D) AGENT REPORTS THAT THESE UNITS HAVE ORDERS TO BE PREPARED TO ATTACK THANH AN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND PLEI MRONG. (E) ANOTHER AGENT REPORTS NVA BATTALION LOCATED

NORTH OF FIREBASE 93, NEAR PLEI BON COORDINATES BR 020640
EQUIPPED WITH INDIVIDUAL AND CREW- SERVED WEAPONS. (PROVINCE
REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT: PROVINCE CHIEF AND DEPUTY SECTOR
COMMANDER EXPRESSED BELIEF NEW ENEMY MOVES RELATE TO PARIS
DISCUSSIONS. BOTH SPECULATED THAT IF A DIVISION OF TERRITORY
CONTROLLED BY EACH SIDE HAS BEEN AGREED TO, ENEMY MAY MAKE
LAST MINUTE TACTICAL MOVE TO IMPROVE OR EXTEND HIS AGREED
HOLDING, IN SAME MANNER HE ATTEMPTED TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION
ON THE EVE OF EXPECTED CEASE- FIRE IN LATE OCTOBER, 1972 ,
AND LATE JANUARY, 1973. FOR REASONS NOT EXPLAINED TO
PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE, BOTH BELIEVED CRITICAL PERIOD IS
BETWEEN NOW AND 12 JUNE. END COMMENT.)

5. VC BOMB THREATS IN CITIES: PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE PLEIKU
ALSO REPORTS THAT CORPS HQ HAS INFORMATION THAT " IN ONE
PROVINCE OF MILITARY REGION" VC HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO
BRING EXPLOSIVE CHARGES INTO THE CITIES. CORPS HQ HAS
ALERTED ALL PROVINCES TO THIS THREAT.

6. ICCS: POLOFF LAM DONG REPORTS THAT GVN TPJMC AT BAO
LOC TOOK ICCS MAY 25 ON OBSERVATION TRIP TO FRENCH PLANTATION
WHERE MAY 19 MINING INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED. UPON ARRIVAL
FRENCH OWNER PULLED ASIDE MAJ. PHU, TPJMC REP, AND INFORMED
HIM MINE THAT KILLED TWO CHILDREN HAD BEEN PLACED BY FRIENDLY
FORCES. POLOFF HAD TOLD MAJ. PHU EARLIER IN WEEK TO DETERMINE
WHETHER MINE WAS IN FACT PLACED BY VC, BUT HE HAD EVIDENTLY
NOT RPT NOT DONE SO. MAJ. PHU AND CANDELS MADE VARIOUS EXCUSES
TO POLES AND HUNGARIANS ABOUT WHY IT WAS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE
TO GO TO SCENE OF INCIDENT, AND SPENT MORNING ON FRENCHMAN' S
PATIO HAVING DRINKS AND SOCIAL VISIT.

7. UPCOMING VILLAGE ELECTIONS: FOLLOWING ORDERS TO DO ALL
IN HIS POWER TO ENSURE ELECTION SWEEP BY DAN CHU PARTY, LAM
DONG PROVINCE CHIEF MAY 22 ASSURED PARTY CANDIDATES OF
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SUPPORT BY ALL GVN CADRE ASSIGNED TO THE VILLAGES (E. G.,
RD CADRE, VIS, PSDF, AND POLICE) AND PROMISED FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED. SOME VILLAGES REPORTEDLY COMPLAINING,
" WHY HAVE AN ELECTION IF IT OFFERS NO REAL CHOICE?"

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